



COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Harbour Tunnel

GOVERNMENT'S decision to invite a Mersey Tunnel expert to Hongkong to investigate the practicability of a cross-harbour tunnel is intriguing, betokening as it does unexpected official interest in a project which has several times been unofficially mooted, but hitherto producing no positive reactions from Government.

Seven years ago the Hongkong Telegraph published a detailed harbour tunnel scheme devised by an expert, and later Sir Patrick Abercrombie laid down such an undertaking as a sine qua non for his town planning blueprint which he prepared for and at the behest of the Hongkong authorities.

In both instances the proposal was coldly received by Government, and not surprisingly the public came to the conclusion that it had been put into the Colonial Secretariat's pigeon holes.

That such is not the case is welcome knowledge if only for the fact that the opportunity now arises for settling, once and for all, (a) the desirability of a tunnel and (b) the feasibility of such a scheme both from the financial and constructional points of view.

PUBLIC opinion about such a project must inevitably be divided. At first glance a harbour tunnel for vehicular traffic appears to be a most natural development to help cope with the Colony's Hongkong-Kowloon communications problem. Office workers and others do not have an easy time commuting between the mainland and the island, and despite the proven value of the vehicular ferries, no one can honestly maintain that the service today fully meets requirements.

A good case can be made for an improved transportation system such as would be provided by the existence of a harbour tunnel, although it is equally true there are valid objections, one of these being that a tunnel would not help to relieve traffic congestion on either side of the harbour but would, more likely, magnify that special problem.

IN the long run, however, the conclusive yardstick for approval or disapproval of a harbour tunnel must be dollars. First it must be established that Hongkong can afford to indulge in the capital outlay, and then it is necessary to be satisfied that the tunnel can, in due course, produce enough revenue to repay the capital cost.

We shall be very surprised to find the expert who is coming here to give his considered findings on a tunnel project declare that it is impracticable from an engineering viewpoint. Its practicability as a constructional undertaking is, we imagine, beyond doubt. The financial obligations involved is a different matter. Committed as the exchequer is to vast spending on new and substantial public works, it does seem that Hongkong can hardly afford to finance a tunnel through its official Treasury.

But acceptance of this does not of necessity mean that all contemplation of a tunnel must be abandoned. There are alternative methods of raising capital, and doubtless these will be taken into consideration by the Mersey Tunnel expert in accordance with the official terms of reference governing his investigation. And when his report is finally made, Government will be expected to provide ample opportunity for its consideration by the public before any irrevocable decision on a harbour tunnel project is officially made.

CHINA, RUSSIA REPLEDGE ALLIANCE

Co-operation Stressed By Bulganin And Mao

WARNING GIVEN TO "IMPERIALISTS"

Marshal Bulganin in Moscow, and Mr Mao Tse-tung in Peking, yesterday reaffirmed Soviet-Chinese co-operation when they made speeches at receptions to mark the fifth anniversary of the Sino-Soviet Treaty of Friendship and Alliance.

The new Russian Prime Minister declared that Soviet aid for Communist China "will be forthcoming whenever necessary."

Mr Mao Tse-tung said that Russia and China would "wipe the Imperialists off the face of the world if they started a war of aggression."

He added that he was confident that Sino-Soviet co-operation would be strengthened still further.

Here are Reuters reports of the Moscow and Peking ceremonies:

UN Council Takes No Decision On Formosa

New York, Feb. 14.

The United Nations Security Council adjourned indefinitely today without taking any further decisions on the Formosa situation.

The adjournment came after the Council had rejected by ten votes to one a Soviet proposal that it should immediately pass on to consideration of alleged United States aggression against China.

Only the Soviet delegate voted for the proposal. The majority of the Council expressed regret and disappointment at the rejection by the Chinese Communist Government of the invitation sent to it a fortnight ago to come to New York to discuss a ceasefire.

"WISEST COURSE"

Sir Pierson Dixon, the British delegate, said that having noted the reply from Peking the wisest course to adopt now was to adjourn without taking any further decisions.

Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, of the United States, said that the United States would continue to consult with other members of the Council in an effort to bring about a cessation of hostilities. Mr Arkady Sobolev, the Soviet delegate, asserted that the Western powers were proposing that the Council be "inactive" on the situation. But he said the Council could not remain inactive and must take steps through discussion of the Soviet charges of aggression against the United States to eliminate what he termed the "basic reason" for the present tension in the Far East namely, the alleged "seizure" of Formosa by the United States and Nationalist China.

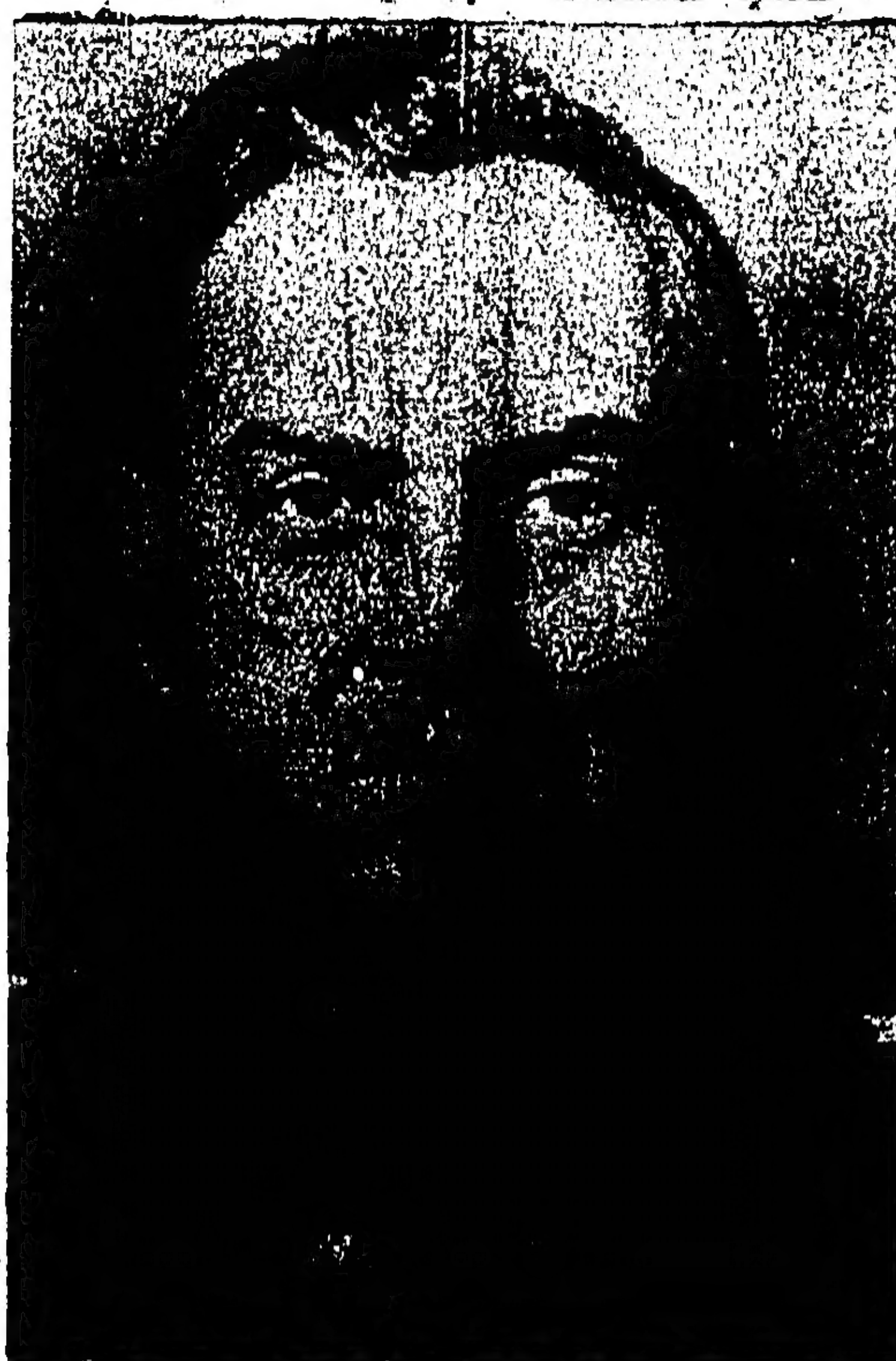
Sir Pierson Dixon retorted that it would be "false logic" to follow the Soviet delegate's proposal.—Reuters.

Making Recovery

Cairo, Feb. 14.

The Aga Khan's doctors tonight issued a bulletin stating that he was suffering from an infection of the respiratory system but was recovering. The bulletin added that the condition of the Aga Khan's heart was now satisfactory, but he must remain in bed and see no visitors.—France Press.

He Promises China Aid



MARSHAL BULGANIN

In the Taiwan (Formosa) area by the American Imperialists," he said.

But they will not succeed," he said. "The United States aggressive circles are actively reviving German militarism, preparing an atomic war, setting up aggressive blocs and establishing military bases everywhere to threaten and encircle the Soviet Union, the People's Republic of China and the peoples' democracies."

He pointed particularly to "aggression and war provocation in the Formosa area, the agency said and went on: "All this gravely endangers peace in the Far East and the world and again causes tension in the international situation which was once eased."

The agency said he warned the "United States aggressive circles" that the Chinese people were determined and strong enough to defend "their own territory and sovereignty as well as their fruits of victory."

"PEOPLE DETERMINED" He went on, the agency said, "If the United States aggressive circles dare to launch an aggressive attack against us, the Chinese people are determined to defeat them to the end."

"We would also warn the followers and appeasers of the United States aggressive circles:

"History shows that wars of aggression will bring destruction to the aggressors themselves and that they will also bring no good results to the followers and appeasers of aggression."

"To achieve peace and international co-operation is China's unswerving foreign policy."

"But to carve up any country's territory, to intervene in a country's internal affairs and to infringe on any country's sovereignty will only abet aggression, and lead to war, but will not bring about peace."

GREETINGS CO-OPERATION Mao Tse-tung, Chairman of the Chinese People's Republic said at the same reception that co-operation between China and Russia was such that "there are no aggressive plans of imperialism which cannot be smashed."

"I greet the great co-operation between China and the Soviet Union."

"This co-operation is for advancing the cause of socialism, for opposing the aggressive plans of the Imperialists and for international peace."

"I am confident that this co-operation will be strengthened still further."

"We can all perceive that with the great co-operation between China and the Soviet Union there are no aggressive plans of imperialism which cannot be smashed."

"They will certainly be thoroughly smashed."

Contempt Of Court Proceedings Against The China Mail

Hearing of an action against the South China Morning Post, Ltd. proprietors of the China Mail, William Alick Grinham, publisher and printer of the China Mail and Robin George Hutcheon, editor, for alleged contempt was heard before the Full Court, comprising Mr Justice C. W. Reece and Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Puisne Judges, this morning.

The contempt was alleged to be contained in an article published in the China Mail dated January 7, 1955, which the Solicitor-General, Mr Arthur Hooton, QC, this morning claimed tended to interfere with the due course of justice in the case of Joseph Leslie Quie vs. Dr P. M. Yap, Dr S. H. Moore and Prof. A. J. S. McFadzean.

Appearing for the Crown were Mr Hooton and Mr J.W.D. Hobley, Crown Counsel. The Hon. Leo d'Almeida, QC, instructed by Mr H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs Deacons, is representing the respondents. Mr Hooton told the Court that this was an application made in pursuance to leave given by their Lordships on January 7 for the issue of writs of attachment against the South China Morning Post, Ltd., being the proprietors of the newspaper China Mail, Mr W. A. Grinham, publisher, and Mr R. G. Hutcheon, editor of the China Mail.

He said that the grounds upon which the application was made were contained in the Attorney-General's statement which was annexed to the motion for leave dated January 6, 1955.

The Solicitor-General said that the ground was that the item complained of was calculated to interfere with the due course of justice in the case of J.L. Quie against Dr P. M. Yap, Dr S. H. Moore and Prof. A. J. S. McFadzean, which was then pending.

AFFIDAVITS Two affidavits had been filed on behalf of the applicant and two by the respondents.

The first affidavit filed on behalf of the Attorney-General was that of Mr Leung Yung-kong, a clerk of the Legal Department dated January 6. That affidavit showed that the writ had been issued in an action for damages by Mr Quie against the three doctors, on February 6, 1953; that the pleadings had been closed, and that the action was set down for hearing starting on January 10, 1955.

Mr Hooton next referred to the article which he said was on the front page of the issue of the China Mail of January 6, with headlines reading "Big Claim Against 3 Government Doctors". He then read the article to the Court.

The second affidavit was that filed by Mr McRobert, Crown Counsel, dated January 13, 1955, and the purpose of that affidavit was to bring to the Court's notice of the pleadings in the civil action which was subject of the article so that their Lordships could see what the issues in that action were.

STATEMENT OF CLAIM The Solicitor-General said he would draw the Court's attention to paragraphs 5 and 6 of the statement of claim, which was attached to the affidavit, which stated that in consequence of third defendant (Prof. McFadzean's) application (the application Mr Hooton said, was to the effect that third defendant had reasons to believe that plaintiff was a person of unsound mind and third defendant was applying for plaintiff to be admitted for observation in the Mental Hospital) plaintiff was detained there for seven days.

Plaintiff in the statement stated that he was not a person of unsound mind and third defendant, in stating that he was, was negligent.

So said Mr Hooton, there was the allegation of negligence against the third defendant. In another paragraph it was stated that in consequence of first defendant (Dr Yap's) application (that was the further application for detention at the Mental Hospital, Mr Hooton said) plaintiff (Mr Quie) was detained in the Mental Hospital for three days, stating in the application, that first defendant had reasons to believe that plaintiff was a person of unsound mind.

THE DEFENCE

The statement of defence was in effect a denial of any negligence whatsoever, the Solicitor-General declared.

He said that for the respondents, Mr Hutcheon, and Mr Grinham each filed an affidavit. Mr Hutcheon stated that he was up to January 14, 1955, acting as editor of the China Mail. He was authorised by the South China Morning Post, Ltd., to make the affidavit, the facts of which were within his knowledge.

Paragraph 3 of the affidavit stated that on the morning of January 4, 1955, he had an interview with Mr Grinham who produced to him two telegrams received respectively from the news editor of the Evening Standard, London, and the London Express Features Service. Mr Grinham informed the plaintiff that he knew nothing of the case referred to in the telegrams and instructed him (Mr Hutcheon) to make enquiries. (Contd. on back page, Col. 5)

Students Refused Leave To Appeal

London, Feb. 14.

Seven Singapore boy and girl students, each sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment last July for obstructing the police, were refused in London today special leave to appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

Their appeals to the Singapore Appeal Court were dismissed in October.

The prosecution arose out of incidents on May 13 last year when about 200 Chinese students were making their way towards Government House to support a deputation protesting against national service interrupting their schooling.

The seven refused a police order to disperse.

COUNSEL'S COMPLAINT

Mr D. N. Pritt, counsel for the students, complained that immediately before the case was tried the magistrate had accepted evidence from the same police officers against members of another group of students who were prosecuted for an identical offence.

Mr Pritt submitted that the magistrate should not have tried the second case because he had put himself in a position in which reasonable people might well think that there was bias.

Mr J. G. Le Queues, for the Crown, contended that what had happened did not show that the magistrate was prejudiced.

The students are Gan Siew-chuan, Tommy Cheng, Khoo Yew-chye, Teo Beng-on, Lam Swee-ching, Ching Ma-ni and Lim Shin-li.—Reuters.

Game Abandoned

Melbourne, Feb. 15.

The match between the MCC and Victoria was abandoned today as no play was possible. The rain had stopped this morning but the sky was overcast after last night's storms and the outfield was still saturated.

There was no play on the first or third day. On the second day, Victoria were dismissed for 113 and MCC replied with 90 for one wicket.—Reuters.

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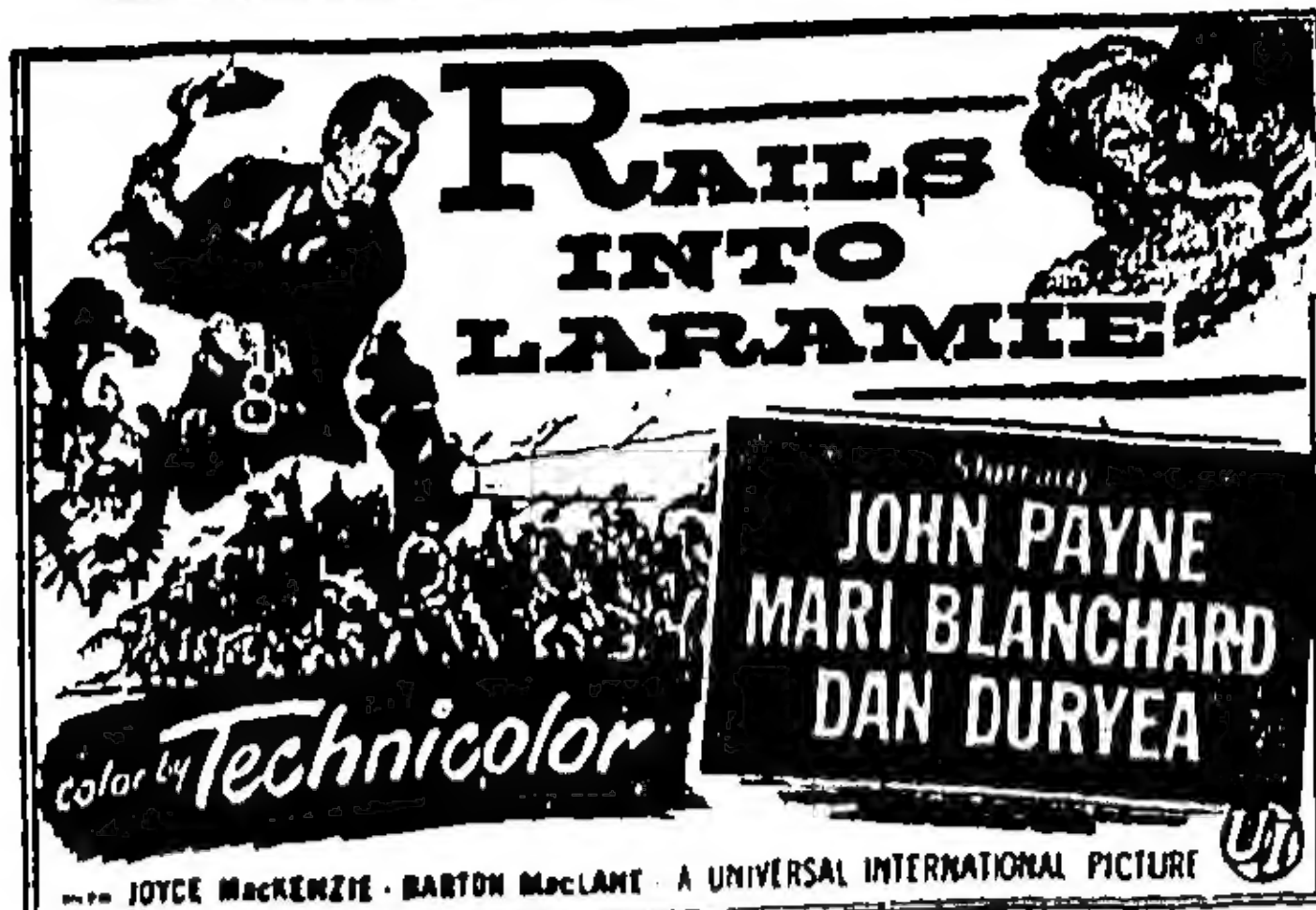


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The Wrong Woman Was

Kicked Out Of Russia REFUSAL TO ADMIT MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Washington, Feb. 14.

Russia kicked the wrong woman out of Moscow last October when they accused Mrs Karl E. Sommerlatte of "hooliganism," American officials said today.

They said it was Mrs Sommerlatte's companion, Mrs Houston Stiff, who infuriated the Russians by striking a Soviet agent who had detained the two women during a picture-taking expedition.

Russia somehow got their identities confused and declared Mrs Sommerlatte, wife of an American diplomat, personally unacceptable. It then refused to admit the mistake and there was nothing the United States could do but order Mrs Sommerlatte to return home.

Mrs Stiff also since has returned to the United States in anticipation of the scheduled return of her husband. Officials said it was impossible to say today whether he actually has returned.

CARDS IGNORED

The incident occurred on October 25 when two Soviet policemen intercepted Mrs Sommerlatte and Mrs Stiff and refused to let them go despite their special diplomatic cards.

According to the American version, Mrs Stiff, wife of an Assistant Naval Attaché in Moscow, struck one of the agents. They finally were released when Mrs Sommerlatte's husband arrived on the scene 90 minutes later.

Officials here said that the United States Ambassador, Mr Charles E. Bohlen, spent an hour with the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr V. M. Molotov, trying to explain he was making a mistake in declaring Mrs Sommerlatte "personal non grata."

The United States claimed all through the incident that the two women were victims of a Russian scheme and neither should have been kicked out of Moscow.

When Mr Molotov refused to admit the Russians had got the facts wrong, Mrs Sommerlatte had to leave the country.

HUSBAND HOME

The United States sent her husband home too, explaining that his tour of duty was nearly over anyway.

Mr Sommerlatte recently has been assigned to Chongmai, 200 miles from the Red China border. He will go first to Bangkok where the eight-nation

MARXISM RAMPANT AMONG JAP STUDENTS

San Francisco, Feb. 14. Marxism is "running rampant" among Japanese students and professors, a noted theologian, Dr Emil Brunner, told a news conference at Berkeley.

Dr Brunner is Professor of Christian Philosophy at the International Christian University in Tokyo. He is here to lecture at the Pacific School of Religious Pastoral Conference.

He said that Japan had no democratic tradition, and nationalism was building up again. The Communists, he said, were using nationalism for their own purposes in the fight for power against Japanese Fascists.

PREDICTION

He predicted that the Communists would win Japan away from their Fascist rivals eventually.

Dr Brunner described strong feelings in Japan today against the United States and in favor of Red China, with the closing of Japan's historic market in China as a major factor.

Speaking of the United States, Dr Brunner said, "America will lose its democracy if it loses its Christianity. Secularism always ends in totalitarianism."

Cabot Lodge Predicts Ike's Second Term

Philadelphia, Feb. 14.

Mr Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., U.S. delegate to the United Nations, predicted tonight that President Eisenhower would serve a second term "to lead us in this perilous struggle with world Communism."

Mr Lodge, addressing a Lincoln Day dinner of the Pennsylvania Republican State Committee, said it was natural for Americans "to exclaim that we would like to see Dwight D. Eisenhower as our President without any limit as to time."

"I predict that the people will not allow him to retire and will surely insist on his serving for another four years," said Mr Lodge.

Pointing to what he termed the Eisenhower Administration's fundamental decency and effectiveness in foreign and domestic affairs, Mr Lodge said President Eisenhower "has already done what many thought was impossible."

He said the "big fight today" was not between the two major Parties, but "between us Americans with our allies who love freedom on the one side and, on the other side, the Communist rulers who would destroy us."

He said the United States and its U.N. allies "for the first time" had the beginning of a strong free Asia. He credited

Best Dog At Cruft's



Mrs A. Proctor, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, poses proudly with her brown standard poodle champion, *Belmonte Aspel of Nabsend*, who had just been judged the best exhibit in the show at Cruft's at Olympia, London. Mrs Proctor is wearing a jumper made of wool clipped from the back of the champion, who is five and a half years old. The judges took less than ten minutes to award the championship. — Reuter-photo.

Musicians See Saucers

Paris, Feb. 14.

Two musicians motoring home today saw a total of five flying saucers "in the St Just area," it was reported here.

The first to spot the "saucers" was M. Gohard, an orchestra conductor. One of the saucers was in the sky and the other four by the roadside in pairs a few miles farther along the highway to Angoulême, he said. The two musicians said that the first saucer rejoined the others and they all rose rapidly into the sky at the approach of their car.—France-Press.

Korean Reconstruction In Jeopardy

United Nations, Feb. 14.

The United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency (UNKRA) is in jeopardy and a conference tomorrow will decide its fate, its director said today.

Lt-Gen. John Coulter, Agent-General of UNKRA, arrived at headquarters today to prepare for the conference called by the General Assembly's Negotiating Committee for extra-budgetary funds to deal with UNKRA's financial crisis.

"This meeting," said General Coulter, "may well be a turning point in UNKRA's history. It has long been apparent to the delegations that we are in a crucial financial situation. If we do not now receive some solid evidence of substantial support, the future of our work in Korea will be in jeopardy."

The conference was called by Vice-Ahmed Hamdani, Chairman of the Negotiating Committee, in order to appeal for more funds for UNKRA. He called the situation "critical" and said that without additional contributions "the programme will have to be drastically curtailed, with corresponding damage to the hopes of the Korean people for economic rehabilitation."

UNKRA figures showed that US\$211,000,000 was pledged to-

ward the target of \$268,000,000. Only \$124,000,000 has been received, with another \$16,000,000 due to be paid soon.

General Coulter said UNKRA had already spent or committed almost all the money received and had commitments for the next payment due.

"I am confident," he said, "that at tomorrow's meeting, the governmental representatives will indicate their willingness to fulfill the General Assembly's promise to the people of the Republic of Korea—the promise that a country devastated while resisting aggression will not want for collective assistance in its struggle for economic recovery."

—United Press.

The Yemen May Leave Arab League

Cairo, Feb. 14.

The Deputy Foreign Minister of the Yemen, Mohamed Emory, said here tonight that the Yemen would follow the example of Egypt and Saudi Arabia and abandon the Arab Collective Security Pact if Iraq signed the proposed Tudeh-Iraq Pact.

He said that Self of Islam Hassan, Prime Minister of the Yemen, who was also in Cairo, intended to discuss the question of Arab unity with King Hussein of Jordan when the King visited Egypt next Sunday.

The Yemen is an Arab state in the southwest corner of Arabia.—Reuter.

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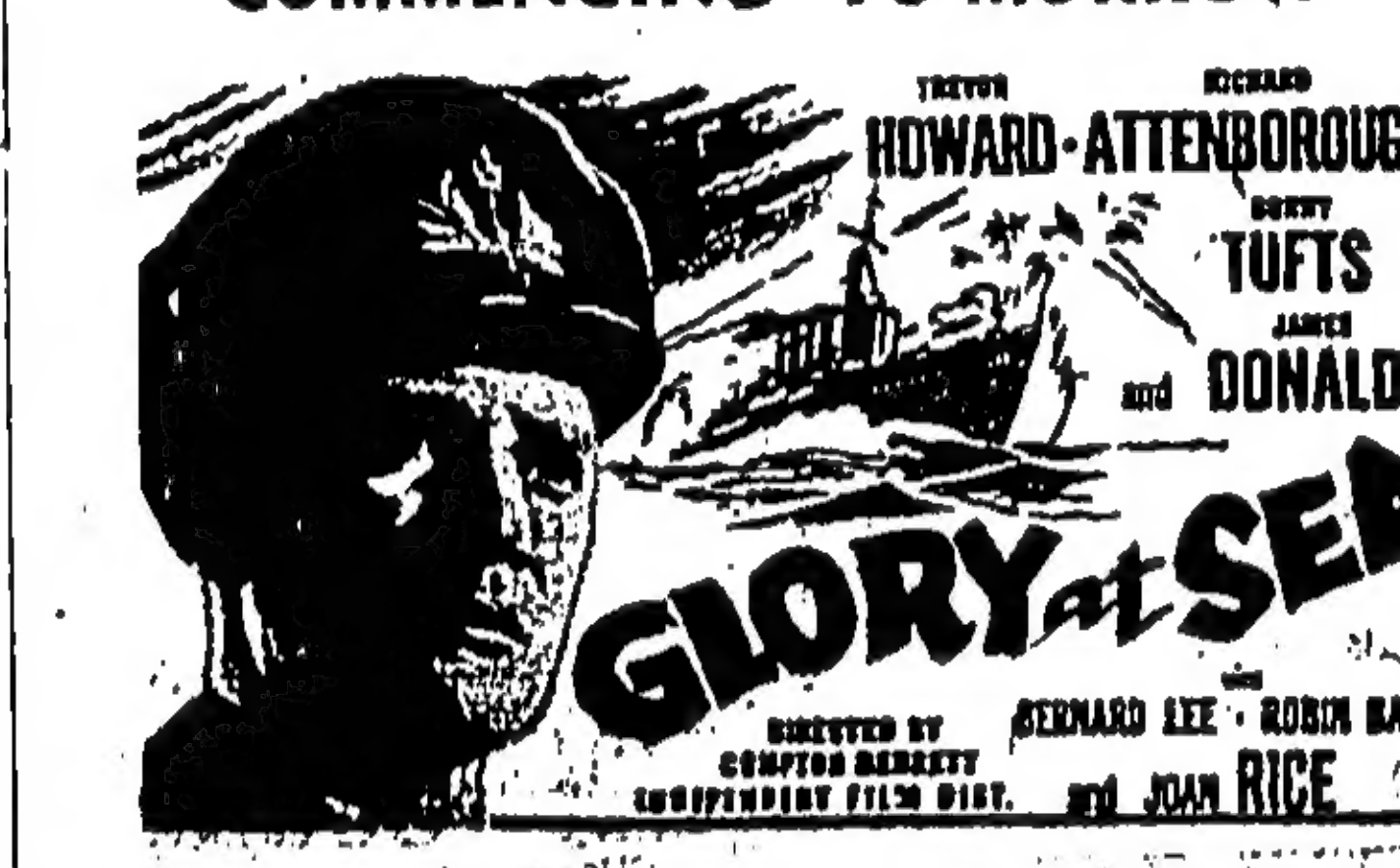
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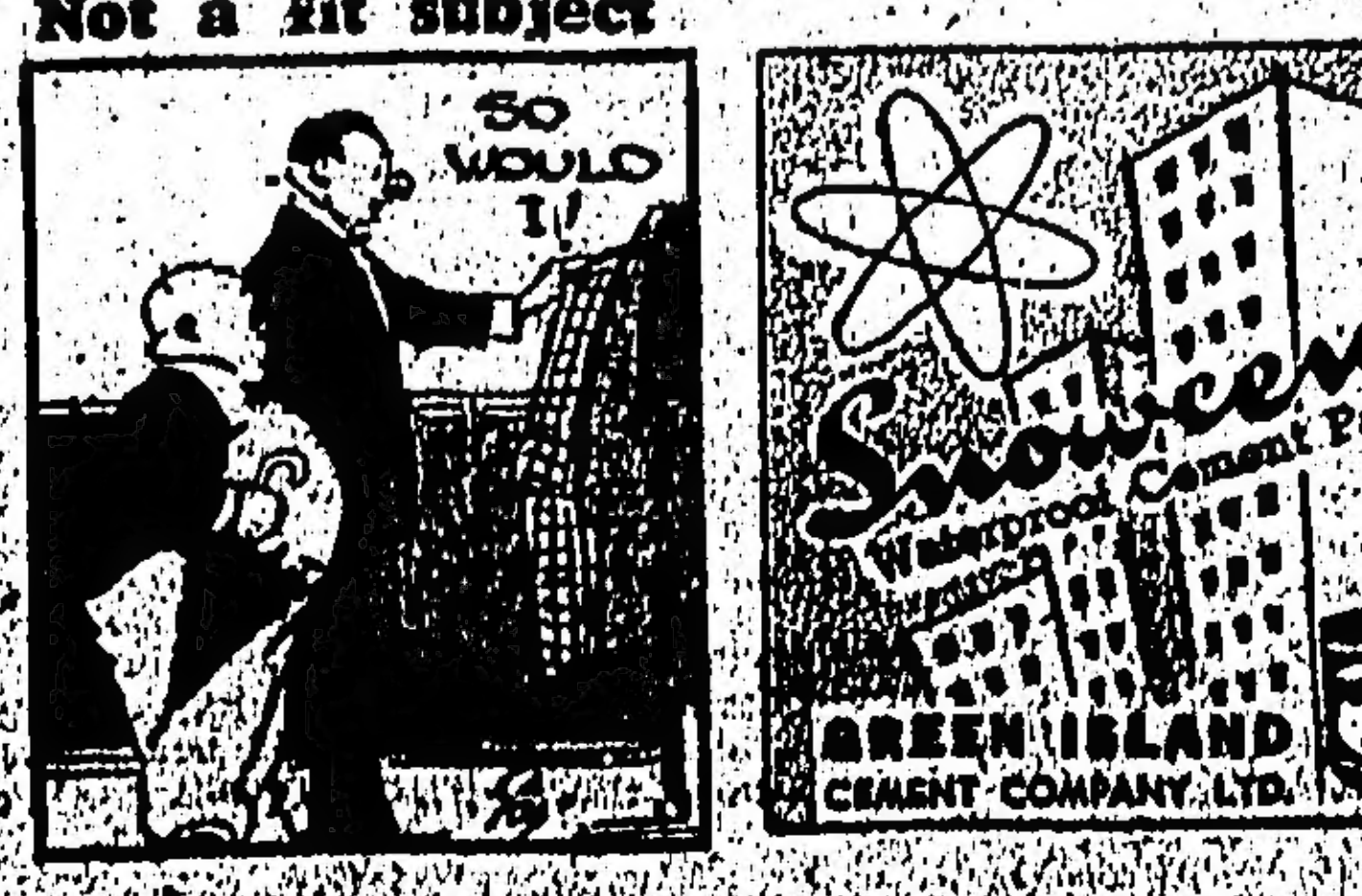


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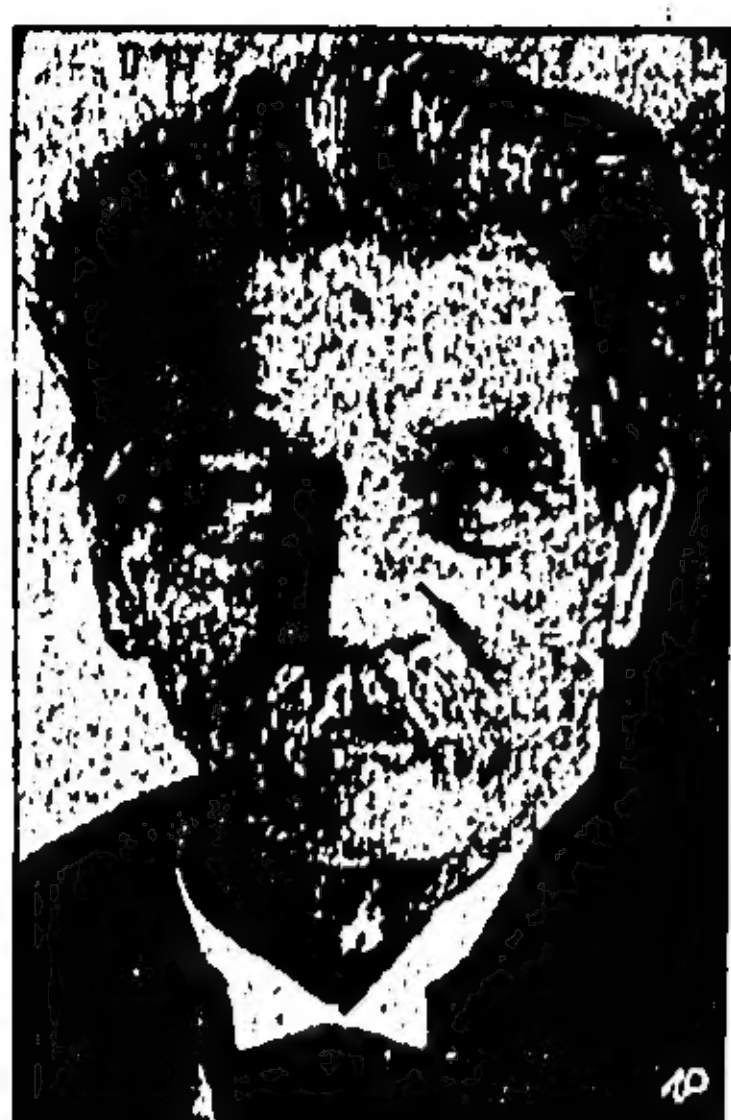
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RUSSIA SPRINGS SURPRISE



Schweitzer Will Not Support Youth Group

Paris, Feb. 14. Dr. Albert Schweitzer, 1952 Nobel Peace Prize winner, told Agence France-Presse at Lambaré, French Equatorial Africa, today that he had withdrawn his support from a group organising a youth festival in Warsaw when he learned of its political nature.

The French humanitarian, doctor, musician and theologian was cited by the Polish news agency PAP as having formed a West German committee for organisation of a "world youth festival for peace and friendship" to be held in August 1955 in Warsaw.

Dr. Schweitzer said that the festival committee, whose headquarters was in Stuttgart, West Germany, had asked him to be an honorary member.

NOT IN REQUEST

"Nothing in its request," he said, "gave reason to believe it was an organisation with a particular political character."

He said that he had given his consent out of "amiability," as he had in other cases.

When he was informed of the "political character of this organisation," however, Dr. Schweitzer said, he notified the committee in a letter on February 9 that he had withdrawn his consent. — France-Press.

Refrain From 'Tough Line' Attitude To U.S. SUBTLE APPROACH THROUGH PRESS

By DON DALLAS

London, Feb. 14. Russia's new leaders have surprised the diplomatic world by refraining from the "tough line" they were expected to take towards the United States and substitute frank talk for propaganda attacks.

The new direct approach is being made through Western press channels — not by diplomatic means. Top Soviet leaders have expressed their views in "man to man" type interviews granted to American news executives.

It is the kind of tactics the Kremlin has not used for twenty years.

The tone of interviews contrast so markedly with the tough attitude shown by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov, in his foreign affairs analysis to the Supreme Soviet last Tuesday that observers here are wondering whether Mr. Molotov was out of step with the new leaders.

Taken on this point on Saturday, the Soviet Prime Minister, Marshal Nikolai Bulganin, said that Mr. Molotov's speech was a completely objective evaluation of the facts and completely reflected the point of view of the Soviet Government.

CONCILIATORY TONE

Nevertheless while Mr. Molotov hammered American "imperialist" policy all round the world a far more conciliatory tone was adopted by the three key personalities of the new regime.

Marshal Bulganin told the American news executives Mr. William Randolph Hearst, Jr. and Mr. J. Kingsbury Smith that he would like them to convey the "sincere striving of the Soviet Government to ease international tension and towards peace between the peoples, and its desire to improve relations with the United States."

Earlier Mr. Nikita S. Khrushchev, First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, and Marshal Georgi K. Zhukov, newly appointed Defence Minister, had called for improved relations with the United States.

The texts of all the interviews now have been released for

international consumption by Moscow Radio and Tass, the official Soviet news agency.

MESSAGE FOR IKE

The Moscow Radio report on the Zhukov interview quoted him as sending a special message for President Eisenhower.

Marshal Zhukov said: "I often recall the time when we were working together in the Control Council in Berlin. At that time we were doing much that was useful and our good relations facilitated good mutual understanding between our two countries. I would like to convey to President Eisenhower my good wishes for the restoration of friendly relations between our countries."

Mr. Khrushchev also told the American newsmen "There are many good things in America." He said Russia wanted to normalise and "improve" relations with the United States and to develop trade with her.

Mr. Khrushchev jokingly finished off but did not entirely exclude the possibility that he would one day visit the United States.

Broadly the policy of the outgoing Malenkov regime in foreign affairs was to woo Britain and France and to try to detach them from their alliance with the United States.

With the expected ratification shortly of the Paris agreements to reunify West Germany this line is seen to have failed—at least in Europe.

The new "cards on the table" approach direct to the United States frankly recognises the major causes of world tension, notably in the Far East and specifically on Formosa and implies that ultimately agreement between Russia and the United States is impossible.

CURIOUS PASSAGE

On Mr. Molotov's position Soviet affairs experts here point to a curious and possibly significant passage in the text of the Khrushchev interview as issued by Tass.

He recalled that Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, who was Russia's food and trade chief for more than 20 years, visited the United States in the thirties.

Mr. Khrushchev said that on his return Mr. Mikoyan "told many interesting things and had much good to say of what he saw there."

Mr. Kingsbury Smith, the interviewing journalist, then recalled that Mr. Molotov also had visited the United States.

The Tass report said: "Khrushchev replied that Molotov had been to the United States in wartime and shortly after the war. He had no opportunity to study the country in such detail as Mikoyan did." Observers here said that might be interpreted as a disavowal of Mr. Molotov's anti-Western line.

IN GOOD BOOKS

This remark also implies that Mr. Mikoyan — whose formal resignation as Trade Minister was accepted on the eve of the Supreme Soviet meeting — is in the good books of Mr. Khrushchev and is not — as some commentators have suggested — out in the cold with Mr. Malenkov.

A Reuters report from Moscow on Saturday suggested that Mr. Mikoyan may now have been given special responsibility for relations with Communist China. — Reuters.



The children cheer and wave flags as Princess Margaret drives slowly in an open car through Skinner Park, Port of Spain, during her tour of the Caribbean.—Express Photo.

DON'T SPOIL THE MARKET AMERICANS TOLD

Madrid, Feb. 14.

While generous Americans may want their Spanish maids to share their fried chicken and apple pie, these servants usually prefer their customary food of meat or fish stew with potatoes or beans or lentils.

This is part of the guidance on the "servant problem" given by the United States Air Force to its personnel in Spain, according to the Spanish American Courier of Madrid.

Servicemen are told that an experienced maid or cook earns from 250 to 350 pesetas (£2.10 to £3.10) a month in addition to her board and lodging. It is suggested that to pay higher wages than this makes life

more difficult for fellow-Americans and for Spaniards.

DEODORANTS

Uniform and shoes, and extra month's pay at Christmas and the fare home and back for an annual holiday are additional. It is likewise suggested that in the case of a servant who comes from a village where toilet facilities are limited, soap and deodorants might be provided.

The American airmen and their families are reminded that Spanish maids are not used to being treated with the familiarity which domestic help sometimes receives in other lands and they are advised "treat your servants with dignity but with firmness."

They are reminded, for example, that Spaniards insist that maids use the service lift and never allow them to sit with the family, that while they may complain of the inefficiency of the help, their maids at the same time grumble at the "Americans' outlandish demands and barbarous habits."

Patience is suggested as the remedy for reaching an adjustment of relations.

Americans are also advised to avoid criticising Spanish customs to their maids, remembering that they resent comment about their country.

A final reminder is: Don't lure servants away from their families. — China Mail Special.

"Cat's Whiskers" Popular

Barcelona, Feb. 14. The old "cat's whiskers" crystal radio set is coming back into favour here.

Due to numerous power cuts in Spain, manufacturers are finding a ready sale for this type of set which has headphones and doesn't require electric power. — China Mail Special.

BRITONS ARE LIVING ON 'NEVER NEVER'

London, Feb. 14.

Britain is fast becoming a nation living on credit because of hire purchase, Lord Hollenden, President of the Wholesale Textile Association, said here today.

Generally speaking, he added, the weekly or monthly payments of Britons were "more or less spent before they were received."

Lord Hollenden was giving one reason why the trade had only maintained its turnover last year instead of increasing it.

Higher purchase contracts last December were 41 per cent more than in December 1953. Not only were people mortgaging their incomes but also their future, Lord Hollenden added.

"To live on credit terms in times of full employment might be all right, but what happens if the country has to face a slump and there is unemployment?" he asked. — China Mail Special.

CHILDREN WELCOME PRINCESS

St John, Antigua, Feb. 14. About 80 white garbed Antigua prisoners — four of them women — pressed forward in their barbed-wire compound to cheer Princess Margaret today as she visited a youth rally at St John's Cricket Ground.

One of them said "Red, white and blue—these are our colours — inside prison or out."

They had been helping to prepare the ground for the rally. They do not usually work on Sundays but "this is a special occasion," one said.

Earlier the Princess had sailed into St John's harbour through an avenue of fish-boat trading sloops and fishing boats dressed overall with little Union Jacks.

FLAGS FLUTTERED

The flags fluttered, the boat crews cheered their heads off, the Princess laughed and waved, the sun shone—and Antigua was suddenly in a carnival mood.

The Princess wore a turquoise blue shantung day dress with full skirt buttoned bodice and short sleeves and a turquoise straw hat.

At a youth rally this morning on the cricket ground, where the Australian touring team will play, the Princess spoke of Antigua's long and romantic story imperishably connected with the Royal Navy and with our greatest sailor, Nelson.

In an open car Princess Margaret drove along lanes of children and then watched a march past of youth organisations, including contingents from Montserrat and the British Virgin Islands. — Reuters.

King Hussein Visits Keisal

Baghdad, Feb. 14.

King Hussein of Jordan, pilot of his own four-engined red-and-silver aircraft, landed at Baghdad airport today to begin a "family visit" with King Feisal of Iraq, his cousin.

King Feisal was the first to greet King Hussein as the latter stepped out of the plane, embracing the Jordanian monarch, and then Iraq Crown Prince Abdullah shook hands with the visitor.

An Iraqi Army band played the National Anthems of both countries, and then King Hussein, escorted by King Feisal, inspected the Royal bodyguard, King Hussein, King Feisal and Prince Abdullah all wore Field Marshal's uniforms.

The Royal party then went to the marquee of the airport where they had coffee and the Iraqi Premier, Nuri al Said, was presented to King Hussein, along with some 30 other Iraqi notables. — United Press.

EIGHT AFRICANS ARRESTED

Johannesburg, Feb. 14.

Eight Africans were arrested at Sophiatown last night for creating disturbances.

Lt P. Duplessis, chief of the Newlands police riot squad, described last night as a "quiet night for Sophiatown with only a few stones thrown at a police car."

Three Africans were admitted to hospital with light injuries which they claimed have been caused by arresting police. — United Press.

Hardly Anything To Sing About!

PRETORIA, Feb. 14. THERE is to be no more singing or whistling in police lock-ups. This is one of 23 new regulations which will make life a little harder for people arrested and detained in cells.

WHILE in a cell (says another regulation) you may not treat any officer or servant of the police with disrespect. The lock-up may, therefore, be "official" or "non-official."

YOU must not write your opinion of the sergeant on the lock-up wall. The regulation says that no person in the lock-up may deface or damage any part of it.

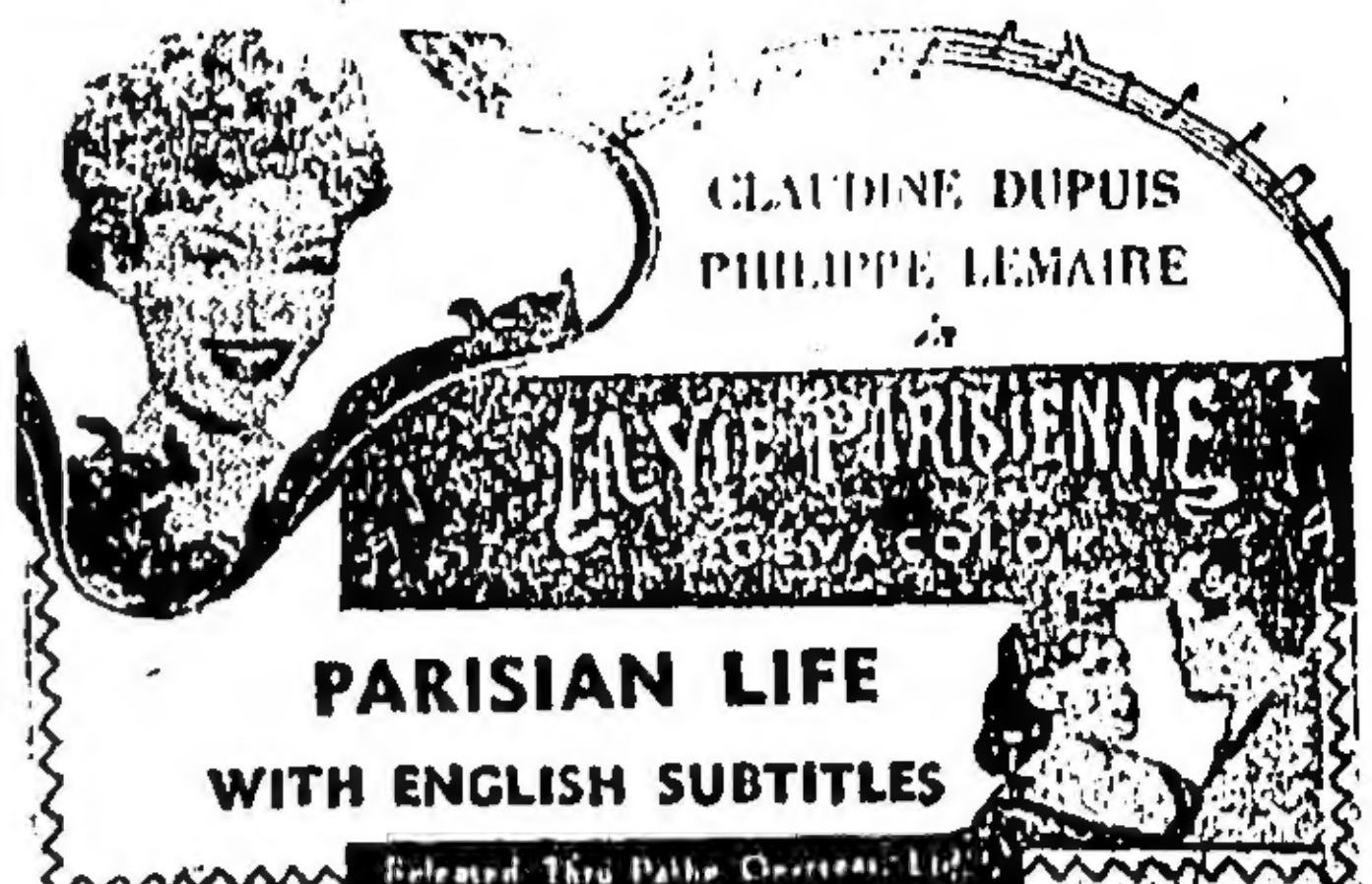
ANOTHER regulation says that anyone confined in a police lock-up is guilty of an offence.

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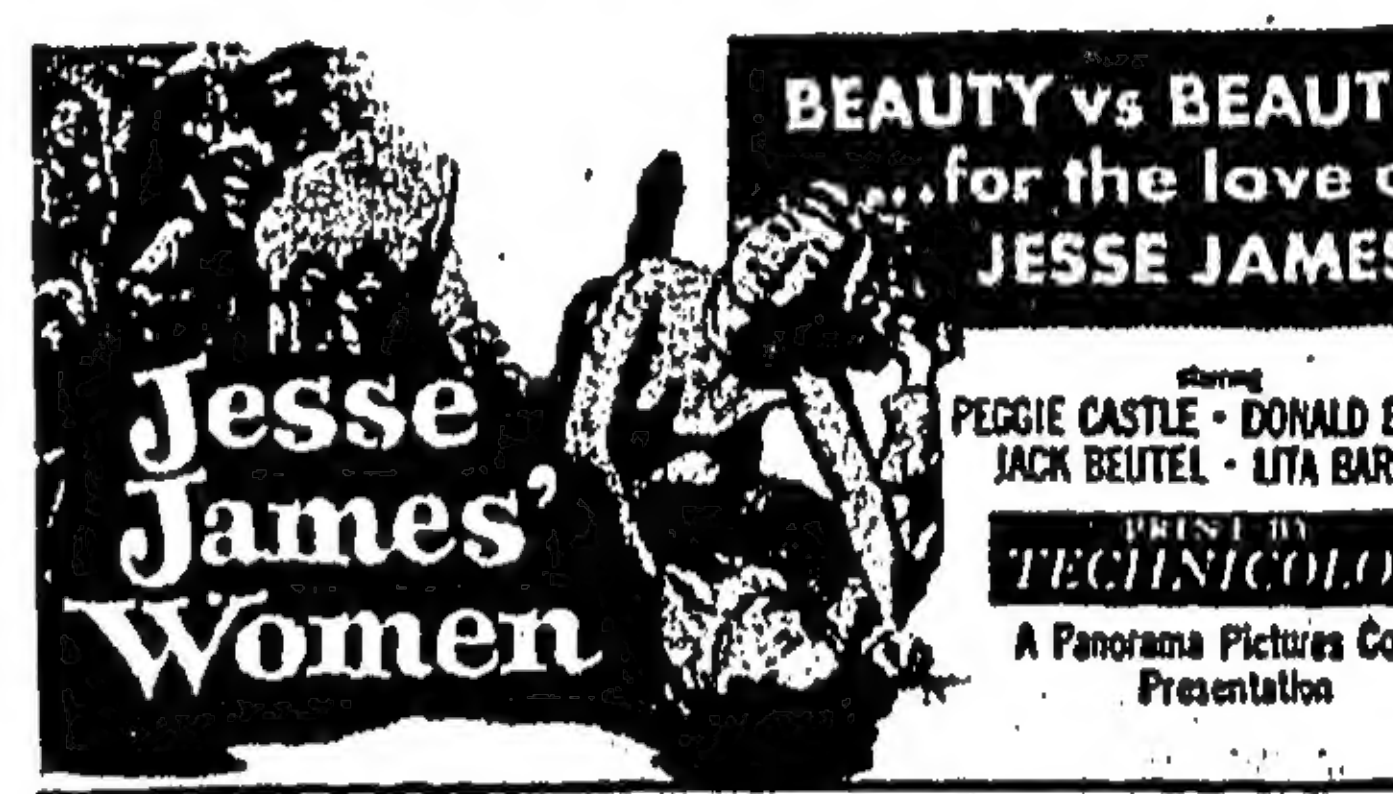
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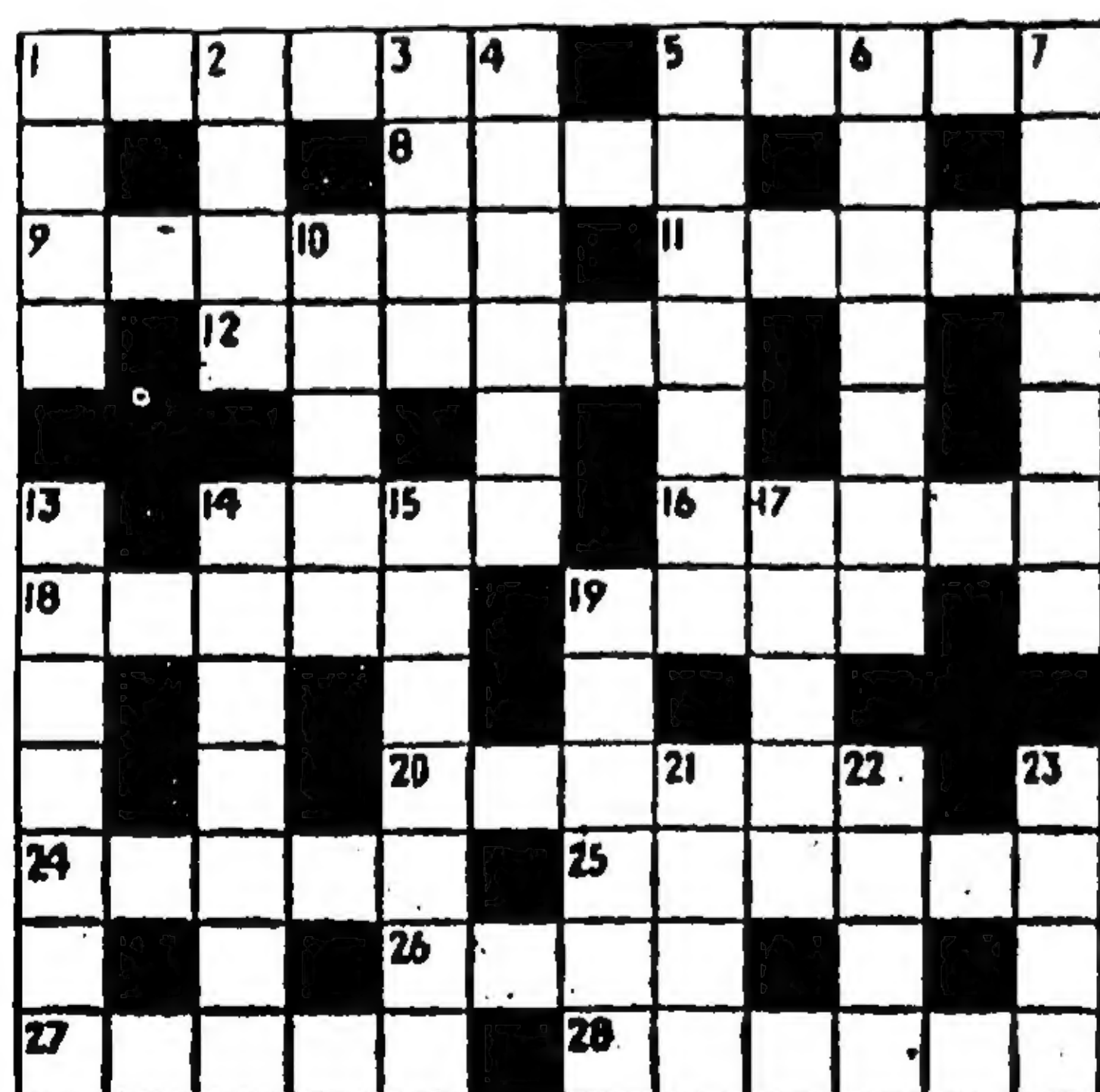
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- 8 Nude (5).
- 9 Dirt (5).
- 10 Incites (4).
- 11 Enlists (6).
- 12 Teacher (5).
- 13 Take vengeance (6).
- 14 Boister (4).
- 15 Lively frolic (5).
- 16 Puzzle (6).

DOWN

- 1 Nuisance (4).
- 2 Apartment (4).
- 3 Past (4).
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- 5 Shutting down (7).
- 6 Assault (7).
- 7 Filaments (7).
- 8 Poison (5).
- 9 Sets fire to (7).
- 10 Recourse tout (7).
- 11 Umpire (7).
- 12 Spry (5).
- 13 Mako angry (6).
- 14 Cooker (4).
- 15 Cooey (4).
- 16 River of Russia (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Cornic; 4 Abodes; 5 Parable; 10 Irate; 12 Elated; 14 Rained; 17 Coda; 19 Volutes; 20 Regalia; 22 King; 23 Times; 27 Report; 29 Abide; 30 Grosse; 31 Sphere; 32 Poets; 33 Down; 34 Caper; 35 Moral; 36 Cadet; 37 Bail; 38 Diadem; 39 Scenes; 40 Elevate; 41 Hours; 42 Adoring; 43 Ever; 44 Armaged; 45 Done; 46 Relays; 47 Garish; 48 Strip; 49 Usage; 50 Shade; 51 Pear.

Guarding The Royal Family

By J. W. TAYLOR

SOME of the best-dressed men in town are the "shadows" around the British throne—the detectives who guard members of the Royal Family. All have the quality of self-effacement and the ability to melt unobtrusively into their background; always on hand, yet never noticed.

Such Royal guards as Superintendent Tom Clark, the Queen's detective until recently, his successor, Superintendent Albert Jenkins, and Chief Inspector Ronald Wells, guard the Queen Mother, possess these qualifications in full measure. They are not noted merely for their immaculate appearance, although each has a very full and elegant wardrobe, but for their perfect control of their own emotions.

Their duties are paid for out of a special allowance. When the Queen visits Royal Ascot, Guards of the London Police, her guard horses in the background immaculate in tip-top and no-nonsense dress, when he speaks at a ceremony, he is flanked by two men in perfect control of their own emotions.

Well Groomed

On one recent visit of the Queen to a London theatre, the Royal party were being seated when a woman in the stalls was heard to remark: "Who is that man?" He is quite the best-dressed man in town. She was pointing out Superintendent Clark, who was "shadowing" the Queen.

Inspector Jenkins, the Queen's bodyguard, until he retired four years ago, always worthily upheld the reputation of the Royal guards for perfect grooming, and was looked upon as the best-dressed officer in the London police force.

These custodians of the Royal safety, however, are not chosen because of sartorial perfection. All are specially selected policemen who have shown themselves to possess certain very necessary qualities and ability for a vitally important task. Once these are noticed in an officer, he is instructed in "A" Division, and sent out. Yet they are watched for their qualities of self-effacement, punctuality, steadiness, and calmness in emergencies—and, of course, the fact that they are expert pistol shots does help somewhat.

No candidate is drawn from the Security Service (M.15) or from the Special Branch, but from the ordinary uniformed

ranks of the Metropolitan Police Force. Superintendent Clark once pounded the beat as Police Constable 246, and was known to his pals as "Nobby."

The prime qualification for a Royal guard is quick-thinking in an emergency, like that occasion in Malta when Superintendent Clark, the Queen's "shadow," Inspector Frank Kelly, the Duke of Edinburgh's guard, and Police Constable "Nobby" Summers, watching over the Royal children, saved their charges from what might have been an uncomfortable jostling

A Barrier

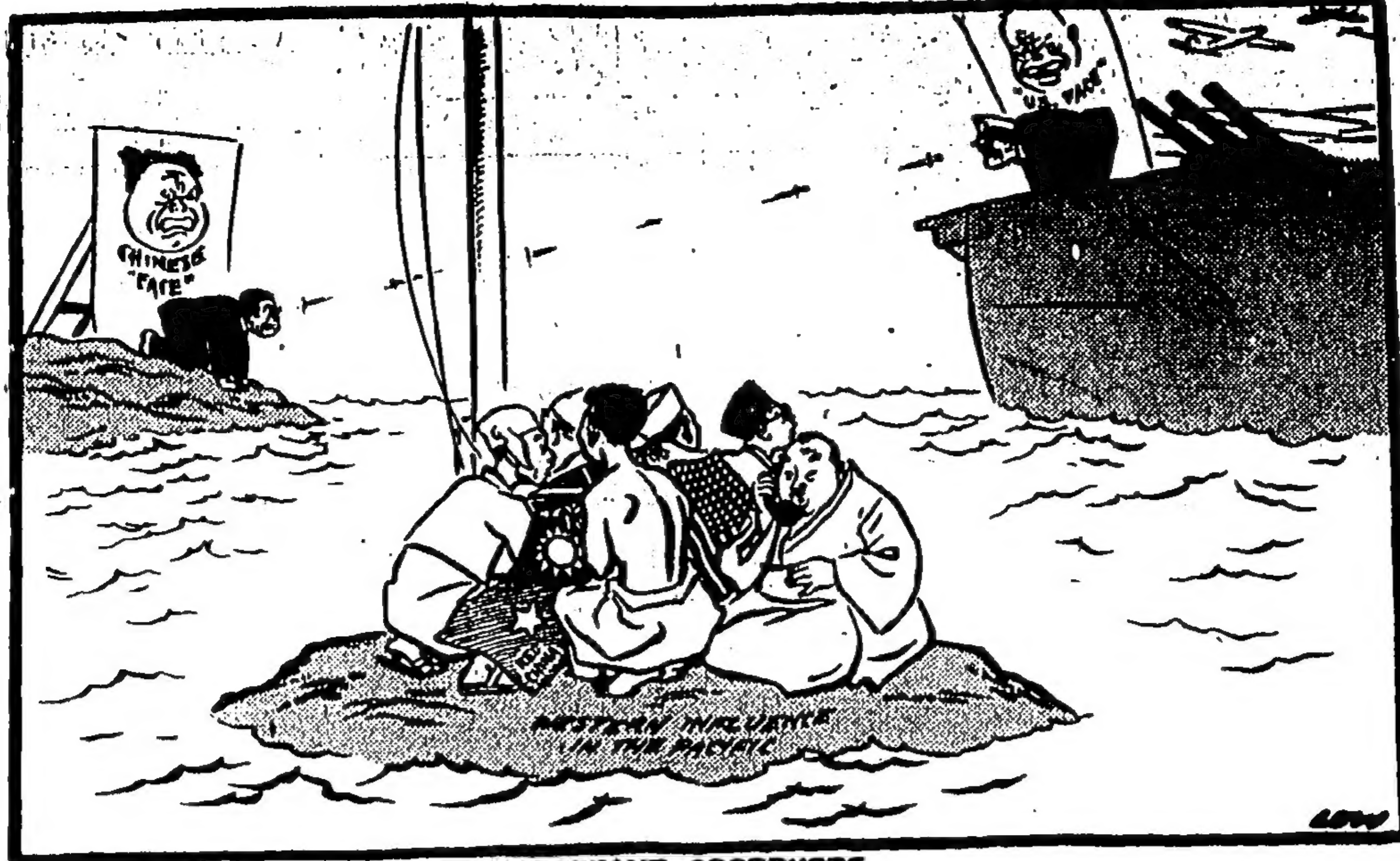
The Duke had driven the Queen and the two children off alone after leaving an official party. As they were leaving their car, which had pulled up in a narrow alley, they were spotted by an excited Maltese crowd, who hurried towards the Royal party with a delighted whoop.

The guards could see it was hopeless trying to fight a way through the milling crowd as it surged the Royal visitors. So Clark, Kelly and Summers raced round an adjoining house, tore through the back and out of the front and came face to face with the advancing hordes. Forming an impervious barrier across the alley, they cut off the gale, laughing crowd on the neck of time. It is said that the faces of the guards revealed nothing of the excitement of the chase and that they looked not an eyelid as they faced the oncoming tide.

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Great Friends

Some of the Royal guards become quite close to their charges. Chief Superintendent Hugh Cameron, who was first bodyguard to the late King when he was Duke of York 24 years ago, was a great friend of his Royal majesty, and remained with him until the King's death. Often when the King would have taken a holiday, but he preferred to be there on guard, even when the party only comprised two of three close acquaintances. The two men had become great friends.



IMPORTANT OBSERVERS

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WORSE THAN THE BLACK FROST

IT really began on the morning of Sunday, January 23, three days after my birthday.

For the first time since we arrived from the Humber to fish 50 miles off Iceland's North Cape the night had passed without a gale warning.

By BOB RIVETT

as told to FRANK GOLDSWORTHY

Weather was quite good. Lorella and Rodrigo, the two trawlers that were lost, were about 30 miles from me. None of us would have been there in the old days before the Iceland Government began to claim the whole sweep of their big bays as territorial waters; we would have been much closer in, nearer safety.

Gear lashed

QUITE suddenly the wind got up. We just managed to get our gear lashed before we felt the full force of a gale, with visibility between 10 and 50 yards. Now there is only one thing to do in a situation like that, when there is no chance of reaching shelter. We trawlermen call it dodging—moving slowly ahead into the wind.

We could not turn; to be broadside in such seas would mean capsizing. So too slow and we would lose steering; go too fast and we would increase the spray and waves pouring over the ship.

In the next three days, though I was using enough engine revolutions to drive the Zircon at 12 knots in good weather, I moved 80 miles and most of that sideways.

The Lorella and Rodrigo were forced to steam directly into the wind, getting nearer the ice.

Now I am not sure whether this should be called Black Frost; it was something worse than the black frost, worse than anything I have known in 25 years in trawlers.

Usually Black Frost is freezing fog, constantly depositing ice on the upper part of a ship. But it comes usually in moderate weather, and you fight it with steam pipes and axes.

But for three days we were in winds up to 100 miles an hour, with never a single lull. If you sent a man on deck in that weather you would never see him again.

Spray froze

THE decks were kept clear by waves. But everywhere else the spray froze as it struck.

Aerial wires as thick as pencils became tubes of ice, six inches in diameter.

On the weather side of the funnel there was a six-inch coating of ice.

Our lifeboats disappeared inside ice cocoons.

The radar tower became a solid block of ice.

On the open top bridge the safety rails are about an inch thick and jibs apart. The ice on them thickened until it joined in a solid wall.

BOB RIVETT, 42-year-old skipper of the Hull trawler Kingston Zircon, brought back the first full account of the Black Frost which caused two trawlers to sink with the loss of 40 men off Iceland at the end of January. And here is the dramatic story—



The ship became heavy to handle, going over sometimes to 30 degrees.

In three days in the wheelhouse—every window was coated with ice and we could see out only through the fast-spinning circular windows which are kept clear by centrifugal force—I had three hours' sleep.

I tell you this to give you an idea what conditions must have been like in the Rodrigo and Lorella—much nearer to the ice pack, in higher winds, and faster-freezing spray.

By radio

WE first heard that they were in trouble on Tuesday night, at the end of the third day of dodging. Ten minutes before midnight I heard the Lorella and Rodrigo talking to each other by radio-telephone. Both said they were encountering bad weather and were having to go full speed into the wind to retain control.

The next day, Wednesday, my edging to the eastward had taken me to rather better weather; the Lorella and Rodrigo were 100 miles from me, nearer the ice.

At 2.19 that Wednesday afternoon Rodrigo called all ships, asking for a reply on the same frequency.

The Rodrigo's operator—I know now he was 37-year-old George Leadley and lived with his wife and nine-year-old son only a few doors from me in Butterfield Road, Hull—replied:

"One aerial down. Working one side of span as emergency. Weather very bad and freezing. Stand by on this frequency."

'May Day'

FIFTEEN minutes later—at 2.35, the Lorella called up with the same help sign—"May Day, May Day." A minute after that her radio operator, George Hobson, aged 29, whose wife and two children live in Clarendon Avenue, Hull, reported "Hecking full over."

It was the last we heard of the Lorella.

Within an hour there was crisis in the Rodrigo. At 3.33 George Leadley called up all ships: "We are taking heavy water now."

At 4.45 she asked other ships to take bearings on her. At 4.50, George Leadley said: "We could do with someone up here now. Having difficulty in manoeuvring."

To the Lorella's sister ship, Lancella, Rodrigo appealed: "Come to us." The reply, entered in our radio log as one minute later, was: "We are coming to you."

My radio log shows that at 5.3— it was dark there after about 2 p.m.—George Leadley repeated four times "Rodrigo calling. Going over."

At 5.9 he said seven times: "Rodrigo calling; right over."

All this was by voice, but his voice was getting more and more strained. And at that moment I believe his vocal cords just gave out. He turned the switch. And now over the loudspeaker in my wheelhouse came Morse instead of a voice.

We logged "SOS SOS SOS SOS Rodrigo going over" nine times; a space, then it began again: "SOS SOS SOS Rodrigo going over."

At 5.12 it ceased. We heard no more.

I wrote in my log: "Both operators worthy of the highest praise."

I thought it was the least I could do.

MISS KITT

[She sang her way to £100,000 a year]

YEARNS FOR THE SIMPLE THINGS

... like the theories of Mr. Einstein

By EVELYN IRONS

ONE of the fastest-rising sultry singers in America is slinky Eartha Kitt. (You may have heard her records of Santa Baby and I want to be evil, I want to be bad.)

She has caused quite a stir in New York by dropping in on Professor Albert Einstein (by invitation) for a Sunday cup of tea and a chat about the universe. So I dropped in on her.

And it turns out that this temperamental brown spitfire of a girl, just 27, has other unexpected ways of spending her days off.

"I often go to the United Nations," she said. "The other week I met the man I admire most, Dr. Ralph Bunche. I lunched with a Korean delegate to talk over the Far East situation. Night club? Don't be silly. I haven't the time."

BITING

Eartha is not an easy girl to talk to, as I found when I went round to her dressing-room at the theatre staging her first play in America, a play as strange and wild as she is herself, called Mrs Patterson.

She has a small round face. Her body is as sinuous as a cat's. And like the two cats she keeps in her luxurious New York flat, she can scratch and bite, too, metaphorically speaking.

On her visiting list for the future are Prime Minister Kwame Nkrumah of the Gold Coast and the Aga Khan, both of whose sons, Ali and Sadruddin, are, she says, good friends of hers.

Others of her race have found Eartha Kitt so cold and hard and snappy that Ebony, the Negro magazine, recently ran an article boldly headed "Why Negroes Don't Like Eartha Kitt."

Negroes say she ignores them and cultivates whites. To this Eartha answers: "It's true that I have been a lot of places where other Negroes have not, but this has been because of my lack of inhibitions and because I do not carry my race on my shoulders."

For the first 10 minutes of our conversation I did not like Eartha Kitt either. But gradually the rudeness and antagonism which is the armour of this angry personality broke, and she talked.

"They say I have made a great career and that I've also

made a lot of money," she said. "It's true. It's also true that I pay 81 percent of my money to the Government in taxes. So what? I don't care for money."

"And there's no glamour about a stage career. I'm like any other actress: I work hard 365 days a year and I have had no holiday for three years."

Miss Kitt made nearly £100,000 last year from night-clubs and records, although only four years ago she earned £22 weekly.

There was silence while she jabbed bobby-pins into her short urchin hair, cut for her stage part as a poverty-stricken child of 15 living in a Negro shack and dreaming of life as a great lady.

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Meanwhile, tempestuous Eartha is educating herself with first-class literary intensity. She brings in all her undertakings, like a child, to the "lean year." I like to see what she does.

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PARIS NEWSLETTER from SAM WHITE

M. MALRAUX TAKES FRANCE'S PULSE

A MAN who exercises as much fascination for the younger generation of Frenchmen as Lawrence of Arabia did over young England in the 1920's and '30's has just published a striking denunciation of the political system which, he says, has reduced his country to the level of a second-rate Power.

He is the prodigious 53-year-old Andre Malraux, a man who is both France's foremost novelist and a living legend as a man of action. Ex-Communist, ex-clock-and-dagger man in the early social convulsions of China, ex-air force commander on the anti-France side in the Spanish Civil War, ex-Resistance leader and brigade commander under de Gaulle, he has been since the liberation General de Gaulle's firmest friend and his most eloquent spokesman.

Three times married, he lives with his third wife, the widow of a half-brother, killed by the Nazis, and with three children in a large house outside Paris.

It is elegantly furnished in a modern style and decorated with treasures discovered by Malraux in his wanderings in the Middle East and Far East.

He enjoys good food and wine but loses interest in them quickly if the conversation interests him. Something of a recluse, his only relaxation is talking.

A Dior recruit -

ONE of the most important women in the Paris fashion business has switched jobs. She is Greek-born, 47-year-old

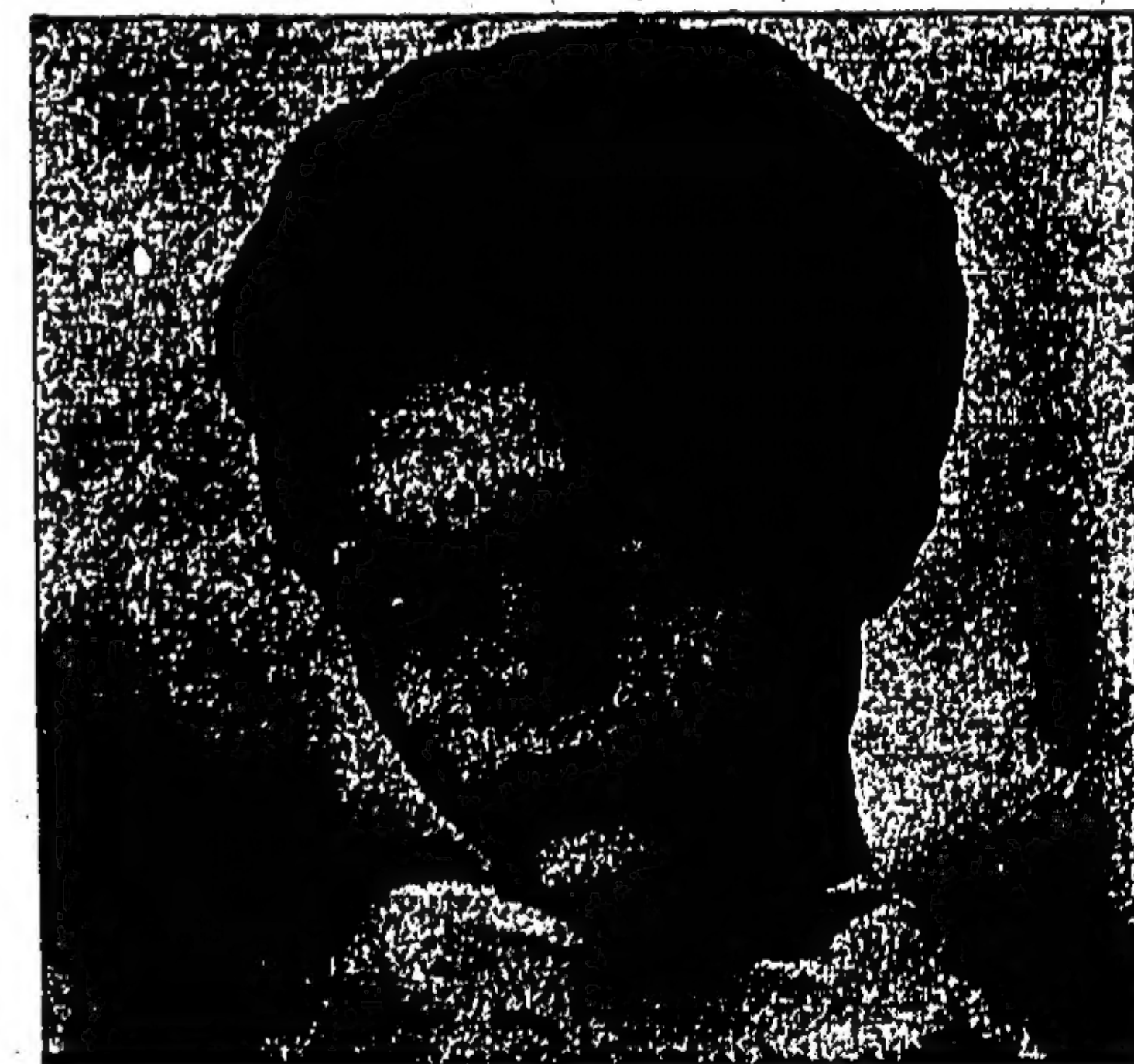
Madame Lillian Ralli, who has left the fashion house of Jean Deanes and joined Dior. What is the importance of being Madame Ralli? She is a saleswoman with a string of royal and rich clients who are also her personal friends.

These include the Duchess of Kent, Princess Olga of Yugoslavia, Luxembourg Royal Family and Madame Lopes Onassis and Madame Nierches. Madame Ralli acts as a personal fashion scout and adviser to all these women.

Blonde, slim and spectacled, Madame Ralli is the wife of a wealthy Greek grain merchant who lives permanently in Switzerland.

Quote of the week:

From a United Artists Press release: "Gina Lollobrigida, Italy's claim to world fame..."



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Saturday's Home Soccer Fixtures

The following is the draw for the fifth round of the Football Association Cup, which will be played this coming Saturday:

FA Cup (Fifth Round)	
Swansea	vs. Sunderland
Luton	vs. Manchester C.
Notts Forest	vs. Newcastle
Birmingham	vs. Aston Villa or
	Dorchester
York City	vs. Burnley
Wolves	vs. Charlton
Notts County	vs. Chelsea
Liverpool	vs. Huddersfield
LEAGUE MATCHES	
Saturday's League matches will be:	
Division I	
Armagh	vs. Leicester
Blackpool	vs. Sheffield W.
Preston	vs. Preston
Sheff. U.	vs. Burnley
Division II	
Blackburn	vs. Port Vale
Fulham	vs. Plymouth
Middlesbrough	vs. Bury
Reading	vs. Hull
Sheff. W.	vs. Lincoln
Division III (South)	
Bournemouth	vs. Oldham
Bristol C.	vs. Brighton
Exeter C.	vs. Leyton
Gillingham	vs. Torquay
Newport	vs. Millwall
Northampton	vs. Colchester
Queen's Pk. R.	vs. Swindon
Reading	vs. Norwich
Shrewsbury	vs. Southampton
Walsall	vs. Coventry
Widford	vs. Bradford
Division III (North)	
Accrington	vs. Southport
Barrow	vs. Darlington
Bradford	vs. Wrexham
Carlisle	vs. Wrexham
Chorley	vs. Wrexham
Grimsby	vs. Wrexham
Lincoln	vs. Wrexham
Northampton	vs. Wrexham
Reading	vs. Wrexham
Shrewsbury	vs. Wrexham
Walsall	vs. Wrexham
Widford	vs. Wrexham

Rocky's Nose On Trial Today

Grossinger, New York, Feb. 14. Manager Al Weil will decide here tomorrow whether Rocky Marciano's nose is in condition to permit a defence of his heavyweight crown in May. The decision will be made after Weil and a group of boxing writers watch the Champion spar three or four rounds with Keno Simmons. The sparring will be done in the Grossinger resort Ski Lodge, where Rocky does his gymnasium work in cold weather. Weil disclosed that he permitted Marciano to do two rounds of private sparring with Simmons on Saturday. "They took it very easy and nothing happened to the nose," Weil said. "In fact Rocky looked very good." When asked how much time would be required before Rocky could fight, in case the nose is found, Weil said, "He will need at least two or three months to train."—United Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY	
Squash	Army Championships Third Round.
Badminton	Men's "A" Div. CYMCA "W" v. Recrio.
Tennis	Colony Grasscourt Championships at HKCC.
Meeting	Monthly meeting of HK Referees' Association, Taven NAAFI Club 7.30 p.m.
TOMORROW	
Soccer	Interport: Adm. FC of Vienna v. All Hongkong (Club) 4.30 p.m.
Tennis	Colony Grasscourt Championships HKCC, Singles and Doubles.
Badminton	Men's "C" Div. HKU v. Recrio.
Football	Inter-School: King's Park.
Badminton	King's College v. All Hongkong, BCAA Stadium 12 p.m.
Squash	Army Championships.
Tennis	Grasscourt Championships (HKCC), Doubles.
Golf	Leeds v. Bona v. Medal Competition.
Football	Leeds v. Bona v. Medal Competition.
Badminton	Men's "A" Division CCC v. Recrio.
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Badminton	Men's "A" Division CYMCA "W" v. Recrio.

EUROPEAN CHAMPION



Hanna Eigel, of Austria, in action during the European Figure-skating Championship in Budapest recently, which she won. Britain's Yvonne Sugden was second, but was thought by the majority of the crowd to be the winner.—Express Photo.

Australian Cricket Could Well Get Rid Of Its Old School Tie (Kangaroo Version)

Says GEORGE WHITING

London.

Never having subscribed to the "cry when you lose, crow when you win" school of thought, it is with some diffidence that this English column makes so bold as to suggest that Australian cricket could find itself in the red unless it gets rid of its Old School Tie (Kangaroo version).

Australians, I seem to recall, used to laugh at our separate entrance for amateurs, and similar quaint relics of our Forsyte Saga past. Yet they themselves now appear to have acquired equally foolish prejudices—by reason of which they are well and truly in the cart.

Not only have they been thrashed by the younger scions of England, but they face the possibility of a sparse and slender "quota" at the fifth Test match in Sydney from February 25 to March 3.

And largely because they appear to have persisted with semi-failures whose faces happened to fit and who came from the right States—instead of casting their net to include cricketers outside the ranks of the dear old pals.

Could it be an axiom of the Australian selectors, that, whoever else you choose for Test Match duty, you must do your best not to pick men who have succumbed to the filthy lure of professionalism in England? There are in this country at the present time at least four Australians who could "command" places in their country's team.

In the opinion of the men who have played against all of them, only Neil Harvey of the current Australian team is fit to claim parity as a batsman with either Jack Livingston, Northamptonshire's No. 3 left-hander, or Bill Alley, who looks a bit like Keith Miller and whose left arm performs near-prodigies with both bat and ball in League cricket.

The slim, poker-faced Livingston finished third in Compton and Gray's in our county averages last season—with 2,200 runs (six centuries) in 48 innings for an average of 55.34. He can also keep wicket—when not required as a superlative cover-point.

BEST PAID
Alley, probably one of the best-paid League professionals



THE TRANSFER SYSTEM MAKES SOCCER SERFS OF FOOTBALLERS

Says JIMMY LOGIE

Only a fortnight ago I was one of the serfs of Soccer. Today I'm free, I am no longer tied to the Football League transfer system. A serf in mediaeval times was a man who was tied to his master for life. He couldn't leave the place where he was born without permission. He couldn't change his job voluntarily though his master could sell him.

It's just the same in football today. I wonder how many football followers who roar and applaud their favourite stars every week realise the conditions of their employment?

Do they realise exactly why such a man as John Charles can't return to his native Wales? Why Frank Brennan had a fight to remain in Newcastle? Why the unhappy footballer can only hope and hope some kind club will take pity on him and ask for his transfer? I doubt it.

Let's see how the system works. Johnny Snooks leaves school, and being a bit of a footballer, comes under the eyes of some League club scout. "Give you X pounds a week and £10 signing on fee if you sign for us," says the scout. The thought of a glamorous career in football naturally attracts any healthy lad and he signs.

Seldom does he realise he has sold himself to that club for life—at least until the club no longer wants him or can capitalise him.

If Johnny makes good his transfer market value soon, the

club realise he's worth, say, £10,000. He becomes part of their capital investments. He's their stock-in-trade.

"WE'LL CONSIDER IT"

So if Johnny suddenly decides he would like to join Barchester Rovers—he might want to better himself or he may be unhappy at his present club—he pops the question to his manager.

Gravely he is told: "Well, we don't want to let you go, but if Barchester will pay our fee we'll consider it."

Barchester, of course, cannot pay the fee, so Johnny remains in his unhappy state moping away, and moping does not improve your game of football.

Suppose you wanted to leave your job. What happens? You give in your notice and that's that. You're free to go to John o' Groats or Timbuctoo.

But supposing you had a transfer system. Then, if you didn't get on with your mates, or the boss nagged you, or you were unhappy in your surroundings, or your wife was fed up with the place, you could do nothing about it.

You might assess your value at, say £100. But the boss might put it at £1,000, and who's going to pay £1,000 for the transfer of a craftsman, good though he may be?

And in football the better the craftsman you are the higher the fee and the more forlorn is your position.

RETENTION CLAUSE
The fault lies with Rule 31 of the Football Association—the Retention Clause. I'll explain how it works.

A player signs a contract binding him to the club from July 1 to June 30, but at the end of that term the Retention Clause enables the club to retain the player compulsorily merely by offering him a retaining wage.

And the retaining wage needn't be much! Imagine your feelings if at the end of your contract the boss said: "I've no more use for you but I'm keeping you on. Instead of your usual £10 a week, however, I'm giving you £5 so long as I feel like it. Meantime you're forbidden to work for anyone else."

It's all wrong, isn't it? It's not democratic. It's not even fair. Certain clubs must have a hold on their players for a certain length of time, but surely a contract of, say, three or five years would be enough?

After that time the player should be put on transfer if he wants and he should be allowed to join the club that appeals to him most.

NO INDUCEMENT
In Italy a player receives a percentage of his transfer fee. Clubs will tell you this system destroys a player's loyalty to the club, but at present clubs do not encourage loyalty. There is no inducement whatever.

I know a benefit may be given to a player every five years and it may be as much as £750 (subject to tax) if he's very good, but that hardly meets the bill.

I would like to see a system of increasing benefits, that is, say £750 for the first five years, £2,000 for the next, and £3,000 after the third term. Few footballers last a fourth term!

I know of reserves retained at less than top wages who are good enough to earn first-team places and maximum wages with other clubs. Why should they be deprived of training even the very modest maximum set by the Football League?

And as long as they are reserves they must toll on for

seven years instead of five before they get a benefit at the reduced amount of £500—and that is subject to income tax.

Make a footballer happy and you'll make him play better. So if you want to improve the game—change the transfer system.

(London Express Service)

Colony Tennis Championships Start

Before a handful of spectators the Colony Grasscourt Tennis Championship got underway yesterday at Hongkong Cricket Club with eight matches being played.

There was a slight delay in some of the games as the officials had to run around to look for umpires. Otherwise the tournament went on smoothly.

Only one minor upset was registered yesterday when Rory Macpherson of the Hongkong Cricket Club lost to Sign.

Six of the matches were decided in two sets. The longest battle was between Chinese Recreation Club's Ho Hit-po and J. K. Jenkins of RAF.

The other game to go to the maximum three sets was between A. C. D. Hopkins and D. H. Dunford, with the former winning by 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

Playing on the No. 2 court, Sign. Hooper, HQ Land Forces Singles Champion, created a minor upset by making a short work of Rory Macpherson, winning 6-1, 6-2.

The match was much more even than the score indicated, with both players showing good form.

Hooper, with his accurate half volleys and baseline drives, won the day.

On the No. 1 court the young Yaqub Khan of K.T.C. had to be content with taking seven games in two sets against the hard-hitting Frenchman, F. Lonne, and went down by 4-6, 3-6.

JUST MANAGED
The St. Joseph's College schoolboy, Ng Man-cheung, was given a scare by Lu Po-hay in the first set and just managed to edge out his opponent by 7-5.

At one stage Lu was leading by four games to one. In the next set Ng had things much his way and won comfortably by 6-4.

Although playing below his usual form, the veteran Lee Wei-long of Chinese Recreation Club managed to trim D. Bertrman by 9-7, 7-5 to qualify for the next round.

Playing with a strong first service, A. D. Barnett took the measure of Gnr. Cooley who was very erratic, and won by 6-1, 6-0.

Lee King-fun of University outplayed M. Pridham and came away an easy winner by 6-2, 6-0.

The longest battle of the evening was between Ho Hit-po and J. K. Jenkins. In the first set Ho took a comfortable lead of 3-0 but Jenkins came back strongly to tie the score at 3-3.

Ho staidied up and won by 6-4. In the second set Ho took the first game and that was as far he got. Jenkins was completely in command in this set and went on to win six games in a row.

The third set saw Ho taking an early lead of four games, but Jenkins fought back to make it 4-3. In the eighth game Jenkins cracked up on game point to give Ho a 5-3 lead. Ho then went on to win the next game and the set.

THE RESULTS
The following were the results, Singles.

F. Lonne beat Yaqub Khan 6-4, 6-3.
Sign Hopper beat Rory Macpherson 6-1, 6-2.

A. D. Barnett beat Gnr Cooley 6-1, 6-0.
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Ng Man-cheung beat Lu Po-hay 7-5, 6-4.
Ho Hit-po beat J. K. Jenkins 6-4, 1-6, 6-3.

TODAY'S GAMES
Singles:
Ip Koon-hung v. G. B. Smart
(1) D. A. Bacon v. Marland Ma
(2) Choy Tin-kin v. R. E. Moore
(3) T. Lo v. E. Benbolle (4) Tui Wai-pui v. Wong Nal-bun (5)
(6) E. C. Dao v. M. Ribeiro (6) Chung Wing-kuang v. K. Lo
(7) V. T. Wang v. M. Lo (8)

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WEEK-END HOCKEY

The following are the fixtures for all Divisions of the Hockey League this week-end:

SATURDAY
Ladies' Division
Recreo "A" v Services on Boundary St. at 2.30 (Umpires: Sgt. Moore, Sgt. English).
Recreo "B" v Dorians "A" on Boundary St. at 3.45 (Umpires: Krahin Lall, Sgt. Darvill).
Happy Valley v Dorians "B" on Happy Valley at 3.45 (Umpires: Makham Singh, V. S. Dillon).
Greenhills v Victorians on Happy Valley at 2.30 (Umpires: Tara Singh, Z. A. Abbas).
Bye—K.O.V. "B".

SUNDAY
Men's First Division
R.A.F. "A" v Dutch H.C. on Kail Tak at 2.30 (Umpires: F. Sgt. Coom, H. C. Groves).
Recreo "B" v Dorians "B".
Men's Second Division
Kail Tak v Victorians "B" on Boundary St. at 11 (Umpires: Krahin Lall, V. S. Dillon).
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Mother's Day

THE mothers of the two boys sat side by side, displaying towards each other a chilly, formal politeness—like parents at a school prize-giving, whose pride and self-respect are momentarily vested in their children and who themselves are proxy-rivals.

But, instead of a prize-giving, this was Bow Street Magistrate's Court, and the eyes of both mothers were downcast. For their sons, Hugo and John, both 17-year-olds, stood in the dock.

The boys had pleaded guilty to stealing a packet of biscuits, valued at 1s., from a car. A policeman on duty in a busy West End street, early in the evening, had seen them sitting at their ease in the back of a car that looked several sizes too big for them—or, rather, for their pockets.

JUST TIRED

THE policeman saw them, and they saw him. The moment he had passed, Hugo and John flung themselves from the car. As they reached the pavement, the policeman turned.

"What were you doing in there?" he asked.

"We were just tired," Hugo said.

"Resting," said John.

"Been looking for work, see?" Hugo stammered. He was painfully aware of the packet of biscuits that stuck from his pocket.

"Where did you get the biscuits from?" the officer inquired.

"They were in the car. We were hungry."

JOHN'S HISTORY

AT Bow Street, when he had told the magistrate, Mr. E. G. Robey, of the arrest, the policeman turned to sketch a little of each boy's life history.

Both had lately fallen out of work as labourers. Nothing was known against Hugo, but against John there were two previous convictions in adult courts, one finding of guilt as a juvenile.

As 13 years old he had been put on probation for stealing £10; since his 17th birthday he had once helped himself to a car and once to a motorcycle belonging to someone else.

"The mothers of both boys are in court, and would like to speak to you," said the officer to the magistrate.

NOTHING TO EAT

HUGO's mother came forward first. "Tell me," said the magistrate, "has your son been friendly with the other boy for long?"

"I've never seen the other boy before," Hugo's mother said. "I couldn't think why my boy didn't come home last night. His dinner was waiting. I work hard to get plenty of food for him. I can't give him money, being a widow, but there's no need for him to be hungry, like he is."

She stood aside and John's mother took her place. "I'd like to say my boy was hungry," she said.

"I'd nothing to give him for breakfast, except a couple of slices of bread. He's not had much to eat all week. I lost one of my jobs, see. He's a good boy, really."

ALONE, ALONE

"HE seems to like other people's cars," the magistrate observed. "Yes, but..." John's mother sighed in silence and returned to her seat.

Hugo was put on probation. His mother presently left with him. John was remanded in custody.

A week later, John's mother again came to court to stand by him. She heard him sentenced to three months in a detention centre. Again she left alone.

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Eisenhower's Cold

Washington, Feb. 14.

President Eisenhower has a cold which is "bothering" him and causing him some discomfort.

A White House spokesman said he has no fever so it certainly is not serious.

PI Congress Upstart

Trade Against President

Manila, Feb. 15.

One of the most defiant blasts against President Magasaysay was delivered yesterday by a member of his own Nacionalista Party, Congressman Mario Bengzon, who shouted in the Lower House "to hell with the President."

Mr. Bengzon, in a privileged speech, accused President Magasaysay "with insincerity, opportunism and mental reservations when you joined the Nacionalista Party."

Mr. Bengzon's tirade against the President was touched off by the President's recent indignation against him for allegedly threatening to "blackmail" the President.

Mr. Bengzon was reported to have declared that he would fully support the President if the latter fired a prison inmate who apparently was a constituent of Bengzon.

"To hell with Bengzon," was the President's reported first reaction to Bengzon's reported "blackmail" threat two weeks ago.

In his tirade against the President, Bengzon yesterday flung this challenge: "I will fight you in this hall, I will fight you in the Press, I will fight you in the radio, I will fight you in my district and in the whole province of Pangasinan."

The Lower House was thrown into an uproar by Bengzon's blast and speaker Jose Laurel, Jr., immediately ruled Bengzon's remarks unbecoming of Congress and ordered his explosives against the President to be struck from the record.—France-Press.

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Anglo-Italian Conversations

London, Feb. 14.

Sir Winston Churchill and Signor Mario Scelba, the Italian Prime Minister, will meet tomorrow for a general survey of world problems.

Their discussions, attended also by their foreign ministers, Sir Anthony Eden and Signor Gaetano Martino, will centre round the effect of atomic weapons on strategic planning to the situation in Italy's former African territories, officials said today.—Reuter.

New Reservoir Inspected



His Excellency Sir Alexander Grantham yesterday inspected work on the Tai Lam Chung reservoir. This picture by a staff photographer shows the Governor having features of the construction work pointed out to him by Brigadier G. Gifford-Hall. With them is the Hon. T. L. Bowring, CMG, OBE, Director of Public Works.

Premier-Designate Pineau Praises Mendes-France

Paris, Feb. 14.

M. Christian Pineau, Socialist leader, and the third-man this week to try to form a new government for France, began operations today by having a long-talk with M. Pierre Mendes-France and issuing a statement praising the defeated Premier.

Some politicians considered this almost provocative statement showed the war-time resistance leader was more concerned with preparing for a new left-wing coalition under M. Mendes-France than with taking over the government at present.

"Premier Mendes-France insisted on the need of establishing for France a position in international affairs which she has to some extent lost owing to the wavering of the National Assembly," he said.

"I told the Premier I was wholly in agreement with him on this point. I am personally an admirer of the courage and talent of the outgoing Premier."

"I wish to follow his methods and to give the Government I propose to form a tone which will not disappoint public opinion after the hopes legitimately raised by M. Mendes-France."

M. Pineau, lawyer, financial expert and spare time writer of children's books, was called to the presidential palace before sunrise this morning after the MRP (Catholic) leader M. Pierre Pflimlin had announced his failure to form a Cabinet.

CONSULTATIONS

M. Pineau, who will consult his party and friends before letting President Rene Coty know tomorrow whether he will try to form a government, must not only get his party's approval for coming out of opposition but provide a programme acceptable to the other parties needed to form a majority coalition.

On Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco, the Socialist Party wants to push reforms and autonomy measures even further than M. Mendes-France.

The Paris Agreements may raise difficulties inside his own party. M. Pineau himself voted both for the European Army and for the Paris Agreements, and the big majority of Socialists deputies voted for ratification of the Paris Agreements on December 30.

WAGES QUESTION

But some of them did so against their inner convictions in order to support M. Mendes-France. They will not now want to be saddled with the responsibility of having resumed Western Germany in view of approaching elections.

Wages may also make difficulties with potential coalition partners. The Socialists are not opposed to a little inflation but will certainly want a general increase in salaries.

M. Pineau's praise of M. Mendes-France today will embarrass his relations with the MRP, although these bitter enemies of M. Mendes-France would like nothing better than to enter a government with the Socialists.—Reuter.

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